

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America
Field Trial Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Members Present: Deb Strohl, Mike Schroeder, Vicky Thomas, Robert Griffin, Keith Meissner, Joe DeMarkis

I. Call to order at 8:03pm EST

II. The Agenda was approved as follows

Guest. Jim Karlovec 2015 NCC Chairman Jim gave a quick overview of how preparations for the 2015 NCC are going. He will visit the grounds in August and meet with the land owner to decide what needs mowing and to look at the woods for the 3rd & 4th series. Dawn Schuster is in charge of the catering and will meet with the caterers to finalize the meals. The Hotel / Headquarters are booked. There will be no Silent Auction this year, instead the Fund Raiser will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and Water series banner for \$300 each, the UTV sponsorships will be \$100 each, Flag sponsorships will be \$25 each, Jim is hoping to raise over \$2000. Terry Reckert will also put on a Calcutta as a fundraiser as well. Kim & Bethann Wiley will handle the merchandise. Dallas Kittle will be the bird planter. The property has a barn that might be usable, Jim is looking into it and if that won't work a rented tent will be used. Jim will present an updated budget to the FTC for review. The 1st & 2nd series will be in fields, the 3rd & 4th series will be the woods, the 5th series will be using a hedgerow. There is also a pond available on the property for a water series. Both pheasants and Chukar will be used. The Gun Captain will be Dave Barto. Ammunition will be donated by B & P. The Purina sponsorship will take care of the Welcome Party, Handlers Bag etc... Each dog entered will be given a catalog. Head Marshal will be Roxanne Fiegly. Shot Game will be given to the Amish for consumption and the land owner and several others will be comb the fields after trialing is done for the day with Retrievers. The print program was briefly discussed. There was some question as to whether or not the Print Program had been canceled and started up again. Last year's NCC winner's prints will be given to the 2015 champion, judges etc...

III. Unfinished Business

NCC Judging Criteria. A change was made to the NCC judging Criteria as follows

Additionally, when an AKC trial is hosted by a committee utilizing the ECSCA National Club license, that trial committee may submit a choice for the ballot. The committee is defined as the Trial Chairman, Trial Secretary and 4 additional members.

- a) Mike made a motion to accept the changes made to the NCC Judges nomination qualifications and all were in favor.
- b) Coordinating Field Trial Dates to improve participation. Keith brought up that several trialers and clubs in the East have been discussing organizing the trial seasons to have better participation and spacing the trials out every other week throughout the season. The fall season will have more trials than we have weekends for. Keith would like to see the Nationals moved back a week or 2 into November in order to open up more trial dates. Mike feels that it's too cold in certain areas of the country to host the NCC any later in the year. Vicky thought that the last week in October is the best week weather-wise for the National. Joe feels that we can have more trials after the National in November and December and that we should leave the date of the NCC to the host club.

- c) 2016 NCC Bids The FTC would like to hear more from clubs about sending in bids for the 2016 NCC, Deb will talk to Chris Dartt about her club hosting the 2016 NCC

IV. New Business

- a) Eastern Rep Vacancy Joe will be informing all ECSCA members in the East that we have an Eastern Coast Representative vacancy and would like to fill the position. Joe will solicit nominations for the position from East Coast ECSCA members. If anyone would like to nominate someone for the position, please contact Joe. Vicky was concerned about the number of ECSCA members and how we should go about increasing those numbers. The Eastern Region has 24 members, Central Region has 25 members, Western Region has 28 members. We would like to continue this discussion at the next meeting.
- b) Vicky was interested in different ways that other clubs use to encourage people to become Shaggers for Field Trials. She thought that using a raffle for shaggers would encourage them, Deb has potential puppy buyers come to trials and shag, Joe encourages his dog clients to shag so they can see how the dogs work. Keith noted that while watching the Danish Nationals he noticed that they don't have shaggers and that trailers just put the game in their vest and continued on with the trial.
- c) Sue Wilson feels as though she may not have time to be the Chairperson of Mission Statement Sub-Committee and we will have to find someone else who is willing to take on the position.
- d) Request for NCC Judges nominations with judges biographies will accepted in June and will be due no later than August 11th
- e) Increasing ECSCA field trial interest membership was table till the next meeting
- f) Procedure for approving Field Trials was table till the next meeting

V. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04pm EST

VI. – Next FTC Meeting Monday, April 11th, 2015 8:00 pm Eastern time